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1. KING HUSSEIN MAY 28 GAVE ME SHORT REPORT
FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE ON ZARQA MILITARY PRISON
BREAK (REFTELS).
2. HE CONCLUDED THAT TROOPS, MANY OF WHOM
WERE IN FOR DISCIPLINARY OFFENSES REQUIRING
SHORT SENTENCES, WERE FRUSTRATED AT THE LACK
OF A GENERAL AMNESTY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY. AS
A RESULT, THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF INADEQUATE SECURITY
AT THE PRISON TO GET OUT.
3. KING WAS CONCERNED ABOUT SLOW PROGRESS IN
ROUNDING THEM UP. HE SAID IF ANOTHER STATE
INTRODUCED FOREIGN AGENTS INTO THE COUNTRY IN JORDANIAN
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MILITARY UNIFORMS, ON THE BASIS OF THEIR PRISON BREAK
PERFORMANCE, THE ARMY'S REACTION WAS WOEFULLY SLOW.
HE SAID IN THIS ASPECT THE PRISON BREAK WAS A
LESSON WHICH THE ARMY WOULD NOT FORGET.

4. THROUGH OTHER SOURCES, DAO HAS LEARNED
THAT PRISONERS NOT YET RECAPTURED WERE DOWN TO

FOUR BY MAY 29. WE THOUGHT RECOVERY EFFORTS OF
MILITARY WERE EXCELLENT, CONSIDERING THE EXTENDED
FAMILY PROTECTIVE SYSTEM IN JORDAN. WE ARE
SURPRISED THAT KING WAS NOT MORE CONCERNED
WITH THE OVERLY HARSH MEASURES EMPLOYED BY THE
MILITARY DURING THE ESCAPE AND ITS AFTERMATH.
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